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FOR: System and Method for Converting an XML Data Structure into a relational Database

Box Non-Fee Amendment
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the Brief Summary of the Invention and replace it with the following Brief

Summary of the Invention:

An aspect of the invention provides a method of forming a relational database from an

Extensible Markup Language (XML) document. The XML document includes multiple nodes.

The method includes assigning an identifier to every node of the XML document and assigning a respective sequence identifier to each node of the XML document. The respective sequence

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